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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

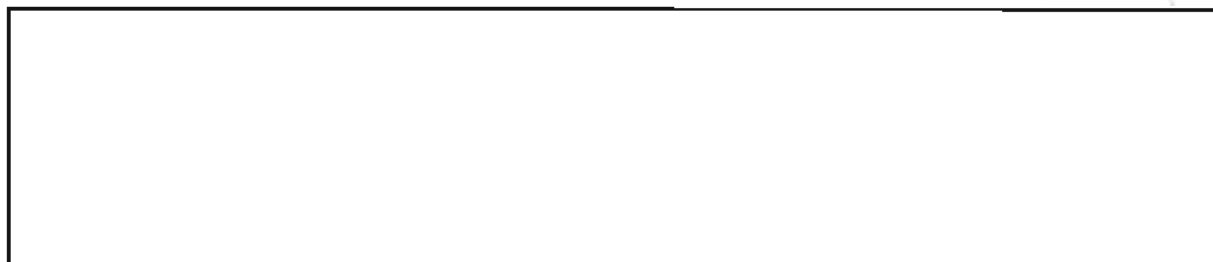
SUBJ: Analytical notes for fourth VENONA release

1. (U) Messages being release:

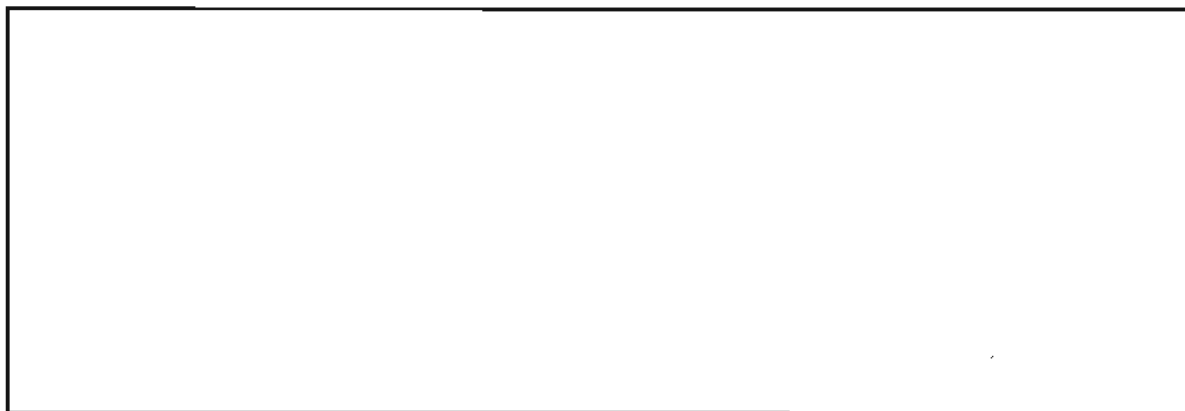
<u>Service/Lane</u>	<u># of translations</u>	<u># of pages</u>
<u>KGB</u>		
SF <-> Mos	1	
Mexico City <-> Mos		
KGB total	457	630
 <u>GRU</u>		
Naval Wash->Mos		
NY <-> Mos		
Wash <-> Mos		
GRU total	449	558
TOTAL	906	1188

(b) (1)
 (b) (3)-50 USC 3024(i)
 (b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

2. (U) Protection of cryptographic titles:



3. (U) Foreign government information:



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4. Protection of names

(U) We protect the names of individuals identified only by government equation in a footnote or which appear in the text of the message as the subject of a recruitment effort. In instances where the name is withheld, it has been determined that the privacy interest outweighs the public interest in disclosure. (Exemption (b)(6) pertains.)

5. (U) Names requiring D/DIR decision on release:

Boris Eliacheff was the only name on which OGC, N5P and M5J could not reach consensus regarding release. The decision on the release/protection of this name went to the D/DIR, who said that the name should be released.



7. (U) Release of several versions

(U) Although in previous VENONA releases, our practice has been to release only the final version of a message as the most accurate and complete, we now release more than one version of some messages. We do this because with some messages we cannot tell which is the final version. The various versions each contain information not in the other version and neither would be complete standing on its own. Both messages must be read together to obtain all of the

(b)(1)
(b)(3)-50 USC 3024(i)
(b)(3)-18 USC 798
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information. The determination that there is no harm in releasing more than one version of a message was made in a meeting with D/DIR, Vito Potenza, Jim Cavanaugh, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Linda Miller and the undersigned.

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